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TO : Director of Training

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FROM : Registrar, TR

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report No. 8
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I. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None

II. OTHERS

A. In the February 1964 issue of the Review of Educational Research, it is reported that "a study of great significance in comparative education was completed by an international team of experts on the educational achievements of 13-year old pupils in twelve countries: Belgium, England, Finland, France, Israel, Poland, Scotland, Sweden, Switzerland, the United States, West Germany, and Yugoslavia."

As one should anticipate, "the results showed that the children of the various nations were strong in some subjects and weak in others." Unemphasized, however, is the rather poor comparative rating of the United States, in particular, and English-speaking countries, in general. In defense of our national pride, though, I do believe that our 13-year olds as a group are less motivated toward learning than those at the same age in some of the other countries studied. Our youths seem to come alive in seeking learning for learning's sake when they are a few years older.

Among the findings in the academic areas tested these comments were made in the Review:

Mathematics - French-speaking pupils superior.
English-speaking countries consistently poor.

Reading Comprehension - Yugoslavian children outstanding.
Belgian and Polish pupils relatively poorly.

Geography - Germany, Israel and Poland led the way.
English-speaking pupils notably poorly.

Science - Students in the United States and Germany superior.
French weak; Swiss especially weakest.

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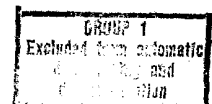
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B. Per instructions from ADTR, I've been awaiting publication of the press release announcing the appointment of [REDACTED] as State's Security Officer before I talk to ICAF authorities about Marvin dropping out of the present class as a CIA representative. Marvin's transfer, however, is no secret to ICAF. These are developments: 25X1A

(a) all of the officials normally concerned (as well as most of the student body) are aware that the action is imminent, (b) Marvin terminated his schooling on Monday -- after completing five of the eight units at Ft. McNair, (c) his personnel action has been cut, effecting his transfer to State at the end of February, (d) a press release by State is scheduled for Monday, 2 March, and I have been told by Marvin that it will mention his leaving CIA.

On other ICAF matters, I have learned that Admiral Rose has announced that he is leaving the service on 1 April to take on a civilian assignment in NASA. His replacement will not be the popular Deputy (Maj. Gen. Stoughton); instead, Lt. Gen. August Schomburg, USA is reporting in as Commandant in mid-year. His name-plate is already in place for Quarters 13 on the post; it is believed that General Schomburg is presently CG, Supply Maintenance Command.

C. Certification has been made by all members of the Registrar Staff that they have read and understand the provisions of [REDACTED] 25X1A
[REDACTED] Employees are also aware of the added provision in OTR Notice 6-64 about reporting daily while on sick leave.

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a half-day Seminar on the Government Employees Training Act, held under auspices of the American Society of Training Directors at the Marriott Twin Bridges Motel. The Seminar leader was Mr. Irvin I. Steinberg of CSC's Program Planning Division.

I believe that Elmer and Wendell shared the reaction of disappointment that the meeting did not really live up to its promise to explain "how the Act can be more fully, profitably, and correctly used." Mr. Steinberg's presentation tended to be more a harangue than an orderly analysis of subject matter. There was no real discussion or exchange of ideas among members of the assembly, discounting the usual one or two compulsive commentators.

As was already known to us in OTR, there has been some agitation for changing PL 85-507 (GETA), particularly the part pertaining to sponsorship of training which results in an employee's acquisition of a college degree. CSC's conclusion is that the law is

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not only adequate on this and all other points but is a uniquely generous and workable piece of legislation and should not be changed in any respect. Mr. Steinberg did rightly emphasize the virtue of having legislation which was open and general rather than restrictive and specific. His final observation, undoubtedly true to a considerable degree, was that any difficulties encountered by departments and agencies in carrying out training programs under the Government Employees Training Act have been due for the most part to lack of courage and imagination in using the authorities already available under the law.

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E. Four of our employees have already responded to the National Health Agencies and Joint Crusade fund drive according to our Keyman, [REDACTED]. If I recall correctly, an item that appeared in the papers some weeks ago, this drive and all others will be "united" hereafter in the metropolitan area.

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F. After meeting with [REDACTED] I was asked to contact Senior Training Officers to ascertain the numbers of trainees likely to attend the briefing course for senior officials now proposed to be conducted by [REDACTED] for a six weeks period beginning 30 March. [REDACTED] reacted in terms of providing for or five persons, and [REDACTED] has since given me two nominees; one a GS-17. Without further persuasion, it would seem probable that ten to twelve nominees could be assured. Meanwhile, I've talked with [REDACTED] he asked that I hold off on surveying the situation for he felt that DDCI and the Executive Director would prefer to identify those members who should comprise the first class. Now that Hal is off on a two-weeks skiing vacation, [REDACTED] is to follow through and inform me soon. C/IS has agreed to delay contract arrangements with [REDACTED] pending resolution.

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